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The Honorable Harold E. Stassen
Special Assistant to the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Harold:

I attach a revision of the draft letter you handed me on Monday outlining your requirements for intelligence estimates.

If you request the estimates set forth therein, we can meet your requirements approximately as follows:

- 1.a.(1) Immediately, by a combination of NIEs 11-3-55 and 11-7-55 which are currently under final consideration by the JAC. The former sets forth a detailed description of the Soviet gross capability to attack the U.S. on 30 June 1958; the latter addresses itself to the over-all capabilities of the Soviet Union through 1960.
- 1.a.(2) By 1 August, by a Special Estimate involving a rather careful projection particularly of Soviet aircraft and guided missile developments.
2. By 15 June, by a special Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee Estimate.
- 3.a.(b) By 1 September, by a Special National Estimate. We would like to have a substantial period of time because of the intricacies of the subject matter, but if, before then, you have a real need for our views on this matter, we could, of course, furnish our best thoughts at an earlier date.

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Paragraph 9 of your draft deals with U.S. capabilities and falls properly within the responsibility of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Test Capability Evaluation called for by SEC 5511 is due on 1 October and should contain much of what you need with respect to mid-1958. I suggest you address a separate communication to Admiral Radford.

Our National Estimates people will be in touch with Mr. Matheson to go over detailed terms of reference so as to insure that the forthcoming papers are as responsive to your needs as they can possibly be.

Yours truly,

SIGNED

Allen H. Dulles
Director

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R. Amory, Jr.
(10 May 1955)

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Allen:

In relation to my new assignment from the President under NSC Action No. 1328, would it be possible for you to prepare meaningful national intelligence estimates on the following questions:

1. Assuming that no agreements for either limitations or reduction of armaments are reached, and further assuming that the form and nature of the Soviet Government is not changed in any substantial degree:

a. What will be the capability of the Soviet Union, utilizing its then available land, sea, and air facilities, to launch a nuclear weapon attack upon the United States

(1) in 1960?

(2) in 1965?

2. Assuming no international agreement on limitations of arms, can you give a meaningful national intelligence estimate on the nuclear weapons capacity, if any, of the following countries in 1960 and 1965:

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3. a. Can the Soviet Union permit international inspectors of armament facilities and installations to have free access within the Soviet Union and at the same time maintain the discipline of their present form of government over their people and would the rulers of the Soviet Union believe that they could do so?
- b. If international inspectors are granted free access of movement within the Soviet Union and communication rights without interference to the exterior, to what degree could there be assurance against the launching of a surprise nuclear attack by the Soviet Union?

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Since Mr. Stassen will be at Planning Board this morning, Mr. Amory thought the Director might want to sign this and have it handcarried to him there so Mr. Amory could hand it to him personally.

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